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and put a hood over the top. He obligingly fell in the snow for photographers and the whole trip was great.

On March 13, the boys, plus Cynthia and Maureen, left for Salzburg. Then on to Obertauern, a ski resort 7,500 feet up in the Austrian alps. The party, including Pattie Boyd, stayed at the Eidelweiss Hotel and most nights they had parties. Usually the girls didn't dress up, but relaxed in apres-ski clothes.

Pattie had her twenty-first birthday out there and they had a special celebration at the hotel night club. The chef made a super birthday cake with one big candle on it and Pattie blew it out in the trad fashion. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and Ringo and Paul put on an impromptu concert.

George didn't give her a present. He was saving his for when they returned to England, though she did get a box of chocs from Gigi, Miss Austria 1964, their ski instructress.

Most evenings there was entertainment from Ringo and Paul who specialised in singing old songs with new words. Cynthia was quite gay on these nights but the other girls were quiet, along with John and George.

The girls didn't watch the filming but spent their days keeping out of the blaze of the limelight, learning to ski, walking in the snow and seeing the sights. Pattie had the bad luck to hurt her knee at the end of the first week, so couldn't do any more ski-ing.

Pattie likes to play cards, specially whist, when she has nothing else to do. She's not particularly expert but she enjoys it.

Cynthia and Maureen relax over a coke at their hotel in Austria while the boys work hard filming.

London Airport again. Cynthia and Pattie arrive back with John and George from a holiday in Tahiti.

Right and left: Four young people with nothing to do but enjoy themselves in The Virgin Islands.

Most nights the whole gang were off to bed at one or two o'clock because the boys had to make an early start on the set each morning. During the two-week stay, several people in the party had birthdays so there was quite a bit of celebrating—but usually no dancing. Pattie, who's a keen dancer, maybe would have got some going but for her bad knee.

Paul, whose good friend Jane Asher, wasn't able to be there because of her own acting commitments, was more keen than the others to learn to ski.

Of course the girls have often been abroad *on holiday* with their Beatles. Pattie went with George, John and Cynthia to Dromoland Castle in Ireland at Eastertime in 1964. She also spent over a week with George in Nassau last December when they stayed with Walter Strach, the Beatles' accountant who now lives in the Bahamas. But when the boys were filming out there earlier this year the girls didn't go.

In May 1964, the same foursome went to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel at Honolulu but flew on to Tahiti because they were hounded by fans. At the same time, Maureen, Jane, Ringo and Paul were holidaying in the Virgin Islands.

Jane joined Paul for a weekend in Paris, when the boys were playing there. She went out alone and stayed at a hotel on the South Bank. He used to visit her and even the other Beatles, staying with Paul at the plushy George V Hotel, didn't know Jane was in town.

When the girls can't go along on a trip they are most definitely not forgotten. They get lots of 'phone calls, letters, cards and presents.

Ringo rang Maureen five times a week when he was in the States. Paul rang Jane twice from Miami. George 'phoned Pattie regularly from Australia and bought her a mini when he came back.

When he was in the States, he spent about £300 on calls to pretty Pattie. Each lasted about twenty minutes and he was away about five weeks.

When Ringo came back from the Bahamas in March he walked off the 'plane carrying a very large, gold parcel. He wouldn't say what was in it, though maybe he told the customs men. He did say it was for his wife.

The girls are attentive to the boys, too. Maureen visited Ringo frequently when he was in London's University College Hospital with tonsilitis in June last year. (That was when Jimmy Nichol stood in for him, remember?)

Jane went with Paul to Newport Pagnell when he collected his fabulous new blue Aston Martin which cost over £4,000. She also went with him to see the house he'd bought for his father and step-mother near Liverpool.

Cynthia was nearby when John passed his driving test in his white mini at Weybridge and they celebrated the feat with a drink. She was there to meet him at London Airport when he came back from Australia.

Pattie went with George when he was best man at his brother Peter's wedding, to Pauline Johnson at Maghull, Lancs.

So, travelling together, or having half the world between them doesn't make any serious difference in the close Beatles circle. These eight people have real feelings and it looks as if they've settled them for a long time to come.

Next week: Focus on Jane Asher.